



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

LEAP Advisory Group **Minutes**

Myalup Community Hall/ Zoom

Monday 4 December 2023

5pm – 7pm

1. Official Opening

5.06pm

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Harvey acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

2. Attendance

Councillor	Alicia	Hitchcock
Community Representative	Jan	Bathurst
Community Representative (Zoom)	Charmaine	Burke
Community Representative (Zoom)	Kathy	O'Shaughnessy
Director Community and Lifestyle (Zoom)	Kirstie	Davis
Manager Libraries	Laine	Brown
Manager HRCC	David	Marshall
Manager Public Relations and Communication (Zoom)	Trish	Palmonari
Manager Community and Recreation	Andrew	Dingley
Community Development Officer (Minutes)	Belinda	Williams

3. Apologies

Councillor	Wendy	Dickinson
Community Representative	India	Stone

4. Nomination of LEAP Advisory Group Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Chairperson: Cr Alicia Hitchcock Seconded: Jan Bathurst

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Wendy Dickinson Seconded: Jan Bathurst

Terms of Reference reviewed and accepted by the group.

Meeting Schedule 2024

Meeting schedule adopted without discussion required by members.

Date	Time	Location
Monday 5 February 2024	5-7pm	Myalup
Monday 6 May 2024	5-7pm	Myalup
Monday 5 August 2024	5-7pm	Myalup
Monday 4 November 2024	5-7pm	Myalup

5. Actions from Previous Meetings

Refer to Current Action Register – carried over from Art and Culture Advisory group (**Attachment 1**).

Action 1: Lighting at HRCC has been installed. Signage to be a priority in 2024, challenges of signage material and installation location have created delays.

Action 4: In progress

Action 6: HACH has partnered with Uduc Café for a temporary exhibition and retail space for 1 week post Harvey Gala. Ongoing action.

Action 9: To be investigated next FY as murals will be installed on Shire property for 23/24FY.

Action 10: Shire has had discussions with City of Greater Geraldton and City of Bunbury and at this moment in time, our lifespan expectations are inline with other local governments.

Action 11: Ongoing, artists encouraged to approach Councilors. Discussion was held and Artists reported that retail shop fronts don't create and arts experience for consumers and that they hope the Artists appetite for home-based art studios can be supported by the Shire.

Action 12: Complete. Shire has shared resources with local playgroups including Playgroup WA resources.

Action 13: The Shire is working through an ongoing investigation for childcare service provision in the Shire.

Action 14: Shire encouraged to investigate sharing resources for home-based learning spaces.

6. Community Roundtable

Community member informed the group that Harvey Hospital is investigating the installation of mural. The hospital has an area where patients look out at a very plain wall. Contact details have been shared.

Action 15: Shire to reach out to Harvey Hospital to investigate the installation of a mural.

Further discussion was held with community and Shire staff about the AEDC funding application with reference to the Kwinana Workshops for Women. Further communication has been shared to Shire staff by email.

City of Kwinana created a program to proactively meet the needs of the community. The program included workshops to cover topics such as budgeting and money management, health and nutrition as well as education of children including behavior management. These workshops also create networks of families to come together. Community reported that grandparents also participated in this great program.

The Shire reported ongoing investigation of opportunities to partner and advocate for the delivery services to meet the needs of our community members.

7. Agenda Items for Discussion

7.1 Shire of Harvey Public Art Selection Panel

With reference to the recommendations by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture (DLGSC) as well as National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) commissioning Public Art Guidelines, the Shire has formed an Art Selection Panel for the purposes of selecting and prioritising public art installations.

Meeting minutes including recommendations were presented to the group for their reference.

7.2 2023-2024 Mural Program

Public Art Selection Panel recommendations for endorsement by LEAP.

LEAP members were presented the Selection Panel minutes and the preferred concepts. The group supports the preferred concepts as well as the promotional video concept to show community engagement in the installations.

Shire to engage artists to commence work early 2024.

7.3 Yarloop Sculpture Project

Artist Len Zuks has been approached to create a sculpture for the Yarloop township using recycled materials.

Concerns discussed with the group include the location: what is ARC infrastructure vs Shire land. The Community maintain that the artwork should be visual from train. The original concept was to put something opposite the station, possibly near the picket fence that goes around old railway line to the workshops.

ACTION 16: take intramap to show Shire spaces to Yarloop PAG to determine locations for art installation.

7.4 MOKA City Visit

The Shire reported that the delegation enjoyed a fantastic visit. The Shire has a Friendship Agreement between Shire of Harvey and Moka City. The Moka City Local Government looks after education and hospitals so they were surprised to see our focus areas. The Shire offered gifts including an indigenous painting by a local artist.

It was a very busy visit for all involved. The Shire CEO, President, Councilors and Executive Team have been invited to visit Moka City for their 70th Anniversary celebrations.

7.5 HRCC Program of Events

The HRCC receives State Government funding to host performances predominately at the HRCC. This includes a minimum of 14 shows per year. This year the HRCC has hosted 20 shows with 3 left for 2023.

The most significant events include The Stirling Cottage Concert with 259 people attending, followed by Karen Knowles with 215 people. Later in 2023, the HRCC celebrated with the Homegrown Concert with 172 people attending.

Other events with significant visitation include 250 people attending the Harvey Art Prize and the Christmas Indoor Markets, incorporating music by Ray Jones and an art workshop which was free to community with 383 people attending.

A total of 2906 people have attended shows and events at HRCC this year. This is still lower than pre-Covid. Loyal visitors have stepped away and are more cautious, HRCC is looking for more morning shows to attract those visitors that are not coming out at night.

Big plans 2024 include the Karen Carpenter Show for Morning Melodies including a 10am show with a light lunch included.

The HRCC is planning 3-4 Morning Melodies in 2024.

Marina Prior is the biggest show planned for May 2024. This concert is linked in with a tour of other performance spaces including Kwinana and Gosnells as well as others, for 6 shows over 6 nights. There is a 275 ticket cap, 200 tickets have sold.

Karen Knowles will return in 2024.

The HRCC will also release an exciting performance on 23 March, a Saturday night show hosting an emerging super star, name to be confirmed.

7.6 Literacy Festival 2024

Draft program presented for comment by LEAP

Event date is Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March 2024.

The purpose of the Literacy Festival is to target every demographic that comes through the libraries. The event will include visits from up to 10 authors including children's authors, and include an Auslan workshop. The festival includes literacy events as well as creative arts workshops for seniors. This will amplify the activities that are currently offered to a group that comes to the library that enjoys being guided by library staff member Fran. The Literacy Festival will be held both in Australind and Harvey.

This is a great to support partnerships with Schools. These schools visit the libraries so during the festival – the library is taking the authors to the schools to minimize the barriers that would prevent the school being unable to participate.

The Literacy Festival is a community event, we encourage community groups like Lions Club to participate to have sausage sizzles or Harvey Community Radio to do live broadcast during the event.

Suki and Ruth both continue to take the Better Beginnings bags to schools.

Shire libraries are partnering with Bunbury Library for the Teddy Bear picnic. Hoping to start promotion in January. Promotion will be strategically rolled out, working closely with the Communication team.

7.7 Australind Bus Shelter Project

The Shire anticipates publishing EOI's in January, with responses due in February.

Investigate rail line murals.

7.8 Childcare Services

Following community feedback at the Australind Leschenault Place Advisory Group,

ACTION 12: Shire Officers to liaise with Treendale Playgroup for marketing strategy and sharing playgroup information.

ACTION 13: Shire officers to investigate childcare service needs across the Shire.

7.9 AEDC Grant Opportunity

In 2022 the Shire endorsed its first [Early Year's Strategy: Bright Futures 2022-2027](#) for children aged 0-9 years old and their families. The strategy aims to capture the voices of children, students and parents, early childhood professionals and the broader community to ensure early childhood programs respond to their needs and aspirations. Bright futures sets out to achieve four goals with supporting actions and outcomes. These goals are aimed at empowering children and families through providing opportunities to thrive.

1. **Making Stronger Connections**
Advocate and partner to ensure the voices of our children and families are valued.
2. **Supporting Families**
Connecting opportunities that contribute to strong family foundations.
3. **Child-Centred Decisions**
Promote the participation of children for a more inclusive, empowered, child friendly community.
4. **Active and Healthy Opportunities**
Strengthen the health and wellbeing of children and families through the importance of play.

The Department of Communities has released a one off grant program for Local Governments to respond the recent AEDC data (Australian Early Development Census)

This instrument of data collection consists of 100 questions across five key domains, which are closely linked to child health, education and social outcomes.

The Shire has drafted an application for a proposed project facilitated by Nature Play WA.

Nature Tales and Trails is a holistic early intervention program integrating play and connection to enhance AEDC domains prioritising physical health and wellbeing and social competence. Inclusive and family centered, the project fosters child development

through nature inspired participation. This two part project includes two 8 week workshops in Harvey and Australind and the creation of a Play Trail across the Shire which will be a downloaded app for families to investigate local trails, playgrounds and artwork with options for physical activity challenges suited for early years up until primary school.

The Harvey Townsite in the [2021 AEDC](#) results showed a significant decrease in children on track in the social competence domain, and a significant increase in the percentage developmentally vulnerable in the social competence and communication domains. The Australind area, which has approximately two thirds of the young children across the Shire, along with nearby townsites in the southern part of the shire, including Brunswick and Roelands, all have a higher percentage of children who are developmentally vulnerable in the physical health and wellbeing domain, and higher results than the overall WA and national result. The 2021 AEDC results showed 6% of 5 year olds were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and 3.6% were born in another country, with 7% having English as their second language, demonstrating a need to focus on this at risk communities.

18% of children in Australind and 18.4% of children in Harvey are vulnerable on one or more domain(s) 12.5% of children in Australind were vulnerable on two or more domain(s) and 10.8% of children in Harvey were vulnerable on two or more domain(s) in the most recent AEDC data. By providing a project such as this we hope to assist in a significant change to results not only benefiting the children directly but providing education to parents and families that will benefit future children.

7.10 Mobile Library Business Case

The idea for a Mobile Library service was flagged by the Library AG. The idea is to set up a self-service console for individuals to scan their books, take and return their books independently. The Shire is investigating strategic locations to serve with areas such as Cookernup, Yarloop, Brunswick prioritised. The Shire is hoping to present a business case to Council in the New Year.

The group was informed that the City of Albany has one in their airport, like a vending machine. The Shire is looking for a more affordable, sustainable model as well as locations as it must be located indoors.

Approximate costs for 1 self-serve unit is \$10K per year. No Staff required onsite, only to refresh the stock.

The Shire has also investigated a library van, which has been determined to be too costly. The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale runs a library van and report that the ongoing costs could be prohibitive.

Discussion was held with the group with suggestions for names including Pop-Up Library. Excitement for a location in Yarloop was shown as the Yarloop library at the school is not central so is not well used by broader community. A location for consideration included the Yarloop workshops when they go ahead, as well as Cookernup General Store.

Shire reported that each unit holds about 50 books, with each console about the size of a supermarket self serve unit.

Shire to investigate how to manage book requests when refreshing the collection at each turnover cycle.

7.11 Multicultural Program

The Shire reported that the libraries offer English classes for overseas workers and have reached out to employers like Harvey Beef who have 469 overseas workers of which around 50% are Pacific Islanders. These workers are not integrated into community because of hours and days of work.

This program is a concept that will provide assistance through advocacy and include welcome packs and pathways for workers and their families to integrate into community.

The Shire is gathering data, including meeting with employers to determine the program needs. Harvey Beef has its own program including events. The Shire is investigating promotion of services to workers.

HRCC Manager David Marshall is interested to partner for performances at the HRCC.

Additional employers include Harvey Fresh and Albemarle.

7.12 YouthChella

[Marketing video](#)

Artist in Situ and roving performers at YouthChella, 15 December 2023, 3-6pm.

8. Access and Inclusion

Co-Design Panel has 5 community members nominated and will meet on 17 January, 2024.

9. Other Business

NIL

10. Next Meeting

Monday 5 February 2024, 5-7pm

11. Closure 6.32pm